

ABSTRACT

Described are methods and apparatus to enhance the use and recording features of the personal versatile recorder. A method and apparatus for accurately recording selected events despite the ambiguity of start and end times is described. The recording is done by a personal versatile recorder that is connected to, or integrated in, a cable television set-top terminal, satellite, off-air or other wireless receiver. Also described is a method and apparatus for handling pay-per-view events, as well as wirelessly accessing and recording of various content on other connected peripherals. The personal versatile recorder includes a central processing unit and a hard drive for mass data storage. Preferably, the personal versatile recorder and associated set-top device have dual tuners for receiving and recording one or more transport streams from the cable system as well as analog or digital audiovisual programming.

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